

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGION
KOOTENAY PRESBYTERY FALL GATHERING
TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, CRESTON BC
October 12-14, 2018**

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THEME: TRANSFORMATION TIME – ISAIAH 43:18-29

Attendance:

Ministry: *David Boyd, Sunny Kim, Hilary Bitten, Paula Ashby, Greg Powell, Tiffany McNaughton, Ibi Chuan, Kim Horwood, Shelley Stickel-Miles, Frank Lewis, Jack Lindquist, Murray Speer*

Student: *Robin Murray*

Lay: *Allan Buckingham, Barry Moore, Anne Jardine, Joan Hanson, Libbie Greenwood, Dick Moffatt, Ray Lundquist, Jean Daniels, Ruth Carlson, Sandra Barrett, Kim Matson, Leah Gray, Jody Dudley, Tess Moffatt, Pat Ridler, Gordon Swedburg, Cheryl Swedburg, Mary Stickel, Anjane Gyan-Dyck, Suzanne Pedersen*

Youth: *Linn Murray, Eirin Murray, Taiga Nagy, Thomas Plett, Lucas Soukochoff*

Guests: *Treena Duncan, Kathy Davies*

Guests of Attendees: *Attila Nagy, Linda Findlay*

Regrets: *Laura Hermakin, George Meier, Therese DesCamp, Carol Patton, Barbara Puskeppelies*

Authority: This meeting of Kootenay Presbytery was held at the call of the chairperson, Greg Powell, this being our final fall Presbytery meeting. A quorum was present.

Chair, Greg Powell called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm Pacific Daily Time (PDT) by welcoming everyone present including Murray Speer and Allan Buckingham from Rundle Memorial Church in Banff who were attending the Kootenay Presbytery meeting in anticipation of their new relationship with Pacific Mountain Region, January 1, 2019 and Leanna Gavelle of the Ktunaxa First Nation. Greg also introduced Linda Findlay who was assisting Linn Murray and the youth group.

Announcements: The Youth group would be holding a Waffle Breakfast at 8.00 am, October 13, 2018 at Trinity United Church to raise funds in support of Camp Koolaree.

Friday: October 12, 2018

Gathering in Song and Worship:

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| 6:45 pm | Conversation with Leanna Gravelle, Ktunaxa First Nation with an overview of the history, territory, language and current work of the Ktunaxa First Nation. Refer www.firstvoices.com for more information. |
| 7:15 pm | Worship led by Suzanne Pederson and Frank Lewis. Having attended the White Privilege Conference at Ryerson University in May, Suzanne Pederson spoke on the experiences and challenges of privilege and oppression.
Lighting Christ Candle from each congregation
Communion presided by Frank Lewis and Greg Powell |
| 8:30 pm | Song and closing for the evening |

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Saturday: April 14, 2018

8:00 am Youth Breakfast fundraiser
8:45 am Gathering in Song-David Boyd, Sunny Kim, Ibi Chuan, Barry Moore
9:00 am Morning Worship was led by Kim Horwood and Ibi Chuan closing with the words "Do not cling to things of the past, keep faith and believe in God. God will make a new way!"
9:15 am Call to Order: enabling motions

OMNIBUS MOTION:

- To approve those needing to leave the meeting early David Boyd, Hilary Bitten, Jack Lindquist, Ibi Chuan
- To accept minutes of the previous Conference meeting of Kootenay Presbytery as circulated dated June 1, 2018 and the Kootenay Presbytery Video Conference via Zoom meeting dated June 28, 2018
- To receive the PVT minutes as circulated dated May 29, 2018, September 14, 2018, and October 4, 2018.
- To approve the agenda
- That all present may have voting rights.

Moved by David Boyd Seconded by Libbie Greenwood

CARRIED

Announcements: A display containing historical Presbytery and Pastoral Charge documents, pictures and information as well as current M & S material was prepared for viewing by the Presbyters. Paula Ashby, Robin Murray and Barry Moore to organize the choir practice at 9:15 am on Sunday, October 14th, 2018.

9:30 am **Appreciation for our time together as Kootenay Presbytery.** Hilary Bitten's upcoming retirement was recognized with many good wishes, followed by a reflection of our Presbytery relationship over the years, current changes and the future. Several pastoral charge representatives gave interesting presentations of their pastoral charge history and on-going work. Jody Dudley, Administration, Finance and Stewardship chair created a Kootenay Presbytery video in recognition of all pastoral charges and camps in the Kootenays. (can be viewed on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/2CW37nZ>)

10:45 am Break

11:00 am **Theme: Transformation** Jody Dudley and Greg Powell reflected on their time at General Council 43 meeting. Greg Powell commented that at the meeting there was a great sense that the spirit is alive and moving in and through the United Church. No doom and gloom but much challenging work to do.

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11:30 am Presbytery Business

Plenary: Ministry Team report, updates from email, distributed reports and team motions

Planning and Visioning Team (PVT)

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Pastoral Relationships/Education & Students (Pat Ridler)

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- The current Pastoral Charge Supervisors will remain in their role however future Pastoral Charge Supervisors will be appointed by Pacific Mountain Region.

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Motion:

Moved by Robin Murray Seconded by Sunny Kim that Kootenay Presbytery approve funding for up to six youth to attend the Evolve Youth Conference in November, 2018 at a cost of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars(\$325.00) each.

CARRIED

Finance and Budget

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Presbytery financial assets

- Gordon Swedburg, Treasurer of Kootenay Presbytery, presented possible options for distribution of approximately Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) of the Kootenay Presbytery's financial assets to the Kootenay Presbyters for comment and consideration at the evening portion of the Kootenay Presbytery meeting.

12:00 Lunch – Grace - Robin Murray

1:00 pm Break

2:30 pm Gather in Song

2:45 pm Presbytery Business cont'd:

Plenary: Ministry Team report, updates from email, distributed reports and team motions

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- The congregations of Perley Memorial United Church, Christina Lake, BC and St. Columba United Church, Greenwood, BC are working towards disbanding with individual members possibly attending St. John's United in Grand Forks, BC. The Planning and Visioning Team will oversee motions if the disbanding occurs before the end of 2018.

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Pensioners Convenor's Report – N/A

Nominations

Motion:

Moved by Hilary Bitten and seconded by Jean Daniels that Sandra Barrett will be the alternate Kootenay Presbytery Commissioner at the Pacific Mountain Region Executive Meeting Nov. 1,2,3, 2018.

CARRIED

Conference Minister

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Spiritual Care Network –N/A

Conference Executive & Pacific Mountain Region Commission:

- Report from Laura Hermakin-
- Conference Calling Report from Doug Goodwin, Executive Minister Pacific Mountain Region-

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Special Congregation Reports:

- Turner Zion Pastoral Charge Report
- St. Andrew's United Church 125th Anniversary Report

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Business Arising:

Remit 1 Implementation and the closing of Kootenay Presbytery:

OMNIBUS MOTION:

- That the Chair and Secretary of Kootenay Presbytery be authorized by Kootenay Presbytery to approve and sign all minutes from the final Kootenay Presbytery Fall meeting and the final Planning and Visioning Team meeting Ten (10) days after e-mail distribution of the respective minutes (for amendments and correction) to the members of Kootenay Presbytery and the Planning and Visioning Team.
- That following the closing of Kootenay Presbytery on December 31, 2018, that the Treasurer of Castlegar United Church or his replacement be authorized by Kootenay Presbytery to continue to work into 2019 on the closing of the Presbytery bank account(s) and financial records as per instructions from the Denominational Council and the Pacific Mountain Region Council.
- That the remaining financial assets of Kootenay Presbytery be transferred to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council upon the closing of Kootenay Presbytery.
- That Treasurer of Castlegar United Church, Castlegar, BC be authorized by Kootenay Presbytery to store all financial records of Kootenay Presbytery at Castlegar United Church as per instructions received from the Denominational Council, the Pacific Mountain Region Council and the United Church of Canada Archives. This motion includes permission to destroy financial records that are deemed obsolete by the Denominational Council, the Pacific Mountain Region Council and the United Church Archives.

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Business Arising cont'd:

Remit 1 Implementation and the closing of Kootenay Presbytery cont'd:

OMNIBUS MOTION cont'd:

- That the Planning and Visioning Team be authorized by Kootenay Presbytery to forward all Kootenay Presbytery minutes, current and historical records to the Pacific Mountain Region Council and the United Church of Canada Archives as per their respective instructions.*
- That the Kootenay Presbytery approve the distribution of Kootenay Presbytery physical assets as follows:
 - Castlegar United Church, Castlegar, will store one (1) laptop computer and carrying cases for use by any future cluster or networking groups.
 - Nelson United Church will receive the Kootenay Presbytery projector for their use as well as for a loan to any future cluster or networking groups.
 - Arrow Lakes Pastoral Charge will receive the projector screen for their use.
- That the Planning & Visioning (PVT) Team can continue doing the work of Kootenay Presbytery until it's close.

Moved by Anjane Gyan-Dyck Seconded by Shelley Stickel-Miles

CARRIED

*PVT will be required to meet prior to Kootenay Presbytery closing to approve the list of documents to be forwarded to the Archives.

New Business:

- 3:00 pm **Theme: Transformation** Conversation about what comes next after Presbytery closes. Treena Duncan, Personnel Minister from Pacific Mountain Region, gave an overview of changes that have and are occurring at the Region Office including staff reduction, transfer of personnel files to the Denominational Council, changes to current Presbytery boundaries as well as the work of the Office of Vocation. Treena also reminded Presbyters that the first General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region will be May 30 – June 2, 2019. Kathy Davis, Pacific Mountain Region Staff Member, led the Presbyters in a discussion on how to move forward by reviewing the proposed Kootenay Presbytery Covenant –**APPENDIX 17** and examining ways to keep connections between Kootenay Presbytery Pastoral Charges. David Boyd, in departing early from the meeting, expressed thoughtful appreciation to both the Presbyters and to Treena Duncan and BC Conference for their work and support over the years.
- 4:45 pm **Theological reflection:** A reading of “A Song of Faith” The Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada by Jean Daniels, Greg Powell, Alan Buckingham and Cheryl Swedburg.

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5:30 pm Supper- Greg Powell led the Grace and on behalf of Kootenay Presbytery, thanked the UCW and the Trinity United Church congregation for all their work looking after Presbyters so well.

7:00 pm Gather in Song

7:15 pm **Presbytery Business (continues):**

Theme: *Transformation* Conversation on the Kootenay Presbytery Covenant continue resulting in the formation of the Beyond Team with members: David Boyd, George Meier, Sandra Barrett, Tess Moffatt, Greg Powell, Jody Dudley, Suzanne Pederson, Kathy Davis, representing Pacific Mountain Region.

Motions:

Moved by Jody Dudley Seconded by Kim Matson that Kootenay Presbytery ask the Beyond Team to continue to do the visioning work and the shepherding the cluster covenant, encouraging presbyters to gain support from their respective Communities of Faith. With a report delivered to former members of Kootenay Presbytery by the end of May 2019 at the Pacific Mountain Region Annual General Meeting in May,2019. **CARRIED**

- A reminder to continue to include Rundle Memorial Church, Banff in this work

Moved by Leah Gray Seconded by Anajanee Gyan-Dyck that there be an appointment of two people from each Community of Faith to be the connection to the activities of the cluster. **CARRIED**

Moved by Robin Murray Seconded by Shelley Stickel-Miles that Kootenay Presbytery empower the Beyond Team to plan a Faith Festival in Nelson before October 2019 and that Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) be allocated from Kootenay Presbytery financial assets to cover travel and seed funding. **CARRIED**

Presbytery financial assets -Distribution of Financial Assets as follows:

- Many Pastoral Charges had applied to the Green Fund to help cover environmental upgrades to church buildings. As this fund was oversubscribed by the Pastoral Charges and many churches have already done upgrades, these funds are to be forwarded to all Pastoral Charges with no conditions attached.

Motion:

Moved by Hilary Bitten Seconded by Dick Moffat that Kootenay Presbytery allocate Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to each of the Fourteen (14) Kootenay Presbytery Pastoral Charges. **CARRIED**

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Presbytery Business (continues):

- Discussions on allocations to each camp were determined by the number of United Church camping weeks held by each respective camp for the year 2018. Camp Koolaree held Five (5) weeks of United Church Camping and Rock Lake held Two (2) weeks of United Church Camping.

Motion: Moved by Kim Matson Seconded by Anajanee Gyan-Dyck that Kootenay Presbytery allocate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Camp Koolaree and Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to Rock Lake Camp. **CARRIED**

Motion: Moved by Shelley Stickel-Miles, Seconded by Jody Dudley that Kootenay Presbytery Funds in the amount of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) be transferred to Pacific Mountain Region to be held for a Faith Festival. **CARRIED**

Motion: Moved by Robin Murray, Seconded by Gordon Swedburg that the remainder of Kootenay Presbytery Funds be transferred to the Pacific Mountain Region General Operating funds. **CARRIED**

Treena Duncan, read a message of greetings from Jay Olson, President of the Pacific Mountain Region Commission in celebration of Kootenay Presbytery moving forward.

- 8:30 pm Evening Worship led by Linn Murray and youth Eirin Murray, Taiga Nagy, Thomas Plett and Lucas Soukochoff reflected on the youth groups experiences while attending Kootenay Presbytery meetings.
- 8:45 pm Greg Powell closed the meeting with prayer.

Sunday, October 14

- 9:15 am Choir practice
- 10:00 am Worship led by Paula Ashby, Trinity United Church Creston included a Dedication of the Church Building, the Font, the Table and a remembrance of past members of Trinity United Church
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Adjournment: Greg Powell declared the final Fall Meeting of Kootenay Presbytery closed.

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Greg Powell, Chair

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Cheryl Swedburg, Recording Secretary

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General Council 43

Commissioner's Report to Kootenay Presbytery: GC43
Oshawa, Ontario

The day before the council opened there was a "Festival of faith":

- exhibits of crafts & arts
- info booths: initiatives of unique local ministries and social enterprises within the church
- Fun&Games: Bouncy castle challenge and games, Painting the Pew
- Workshops on a variety of topics: eg: "Becoming Fabulously Affirming", "Create a ministry pathway in your community", "Taking the Church Out of the Church," *Iridesce: The Living Apology Project*, "Introduction to Liturgical Dance in Worship"... ending the day with stage contemporary music performance with *Professors Of Funk*.

Business of the week

Proposals:

The templates for proposals were designed to "name the issue without specifying an outcome"
Pre GC:

- proposal presented in an online workbook
- YouTube channel set to describe various proposals
- A survey sent to commissioners intended to set a priority of proposal themes: **Governance, ministry personnel, Right Relations, Intercultural and Dominant Privilege Lenses, Administration of Sacraments, Small and Rural Ministry, Intercultural and Privilege Lenses, Remit Implementation, Theology**

The priority acknowledges that not all proposals could be dealt with during the week of business, so to ensure the important ones, determined by the survey, would be done in order of priority, any remaining proposals would be decided by GC executive. The top ten themes were set on the agenda for the week.

At the court:

- we were assigned to tables of 8-10 people, mix of commissioners and guests. Each commissioner was provided with an electronic clicker for voting...
- As was done in the YouTube presentations, each theme was introduced in a **LISTENING SESSION**: a presentation without discussion to a large group of commissioners describing the various proposals in that theme.
- Following a listening session there was a breakout of assigned 3 to 4 table groups to participate in a **DISCUSSION GROUP**: each individual proposal in the theme presented for discussion: smaller grouping made easier for discussion, clarification, pros and cons, and consensus recommendations for editing the proposal to be more favourable.

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- The ideas of the discussion groups were recorded and returned to a **Facilitation group** who reviewed all the discussion notes and amended the original proposal to be in line with the discussions before being presented for **DECISION** in the full court plenary.

This process enabled all commissioners to have an opportunity to hear and discuss each presented proposal before working towards consensus before voting on the matter.

GC43 opened with the *Indigenous Edge of the Woods* ceremony: a formal ceremony lead by local chiefs and elders, welcoming visitors to their territory.

Throughout the week there was a Focus on acknowledging "Right relations," indigenous ministries, acknowledging TRC Call to Action, and promoting the Aboriginal Ministry Council. A canvas-covered Indigenous lodge (tepee) named the "Teaching Lodge" provided ongoing indigenous presentations of culture, smudgings, and aboriginal history and story telling.

The big order of the week: REMITS... were passed overwhelmingly:

Remit 1: in the united church there are currently about 2000 Pastoral Charges, 86 Presbyteries and 13 conferences to become unknown number of Communities of Faith, 16 Regional Councils with the one Denominational Council

Discussion: The church will study how it defines the conciliar nature of its governance, and how to accommodate regional representation in a new streamlined system that is no longer organized around regional representation. Objections had been made to a council of 18, which would only include 13/16 regions, it was noted that other regional reps could attend as non voting members.

The name will legally be *Denominational Council* but general reference will be *General Council* for the sake of familiar/continuity.

A parallel but distinct process is developing in the indigenous church

Remit 3: Office of Vocation – all things related to ministry, will elect a "Board of Vocation," develop standards for education, training, admissions, accreditation of ministers.

OV Ministers to be determined (Pacific Mountain Regional Council > **Brenda Fawkes** (ordained minister) is the Director of Theological Field Education and Instructor in Ministry Practice at the Vancouver School of Theology). These ministers will support the processes for the discernment and training of ministry personnel, the determination of their fitness/readiness for accreditation, the fulfillment of continuing education standards, and the formal processes for oversight and discipline of ministry personnel.

Remit 4: Funding Model a consistent, revenue-based assessment formula (4.5%) will replace current 30 different formulas in place. Mission & Service donations will be used to fund the church's ministry and mission

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Remit 5: Ministry Partners with mutual Recognition agreements

Ministers of denominations within mutual recognition agreements (“ministry partners”), while under appointment or call, are full members of the Region, and equivalent to ordered ministers of The United Church of Canada in respect to membership and responsibilities in the courts of the church.

In 2015, GC 42 approved a Full Communion agreement with United Church of Christ in the Philippines, the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and the United Church of Christ (USA).

CG43 approved Full Communion with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) USA in a 98% vote in favour.

Remit 6: One order of Ministry failed in the initial vote from presbyteries and was not included

Remit 7: Candidacy Pathways: will provide for a more “flexible” process for becoming a member of ordered ministry within the Office of Vocation that best suits candidate’s individual situation. This will expand to develop processes for intercultural churches.

Remit 8: Membership: the full members of a congregation may consent to allow adherents to vote on all matters that come before congregational meetings. These include spiritual matters, such as oversight of worship and the call of a minister, and property matters, such as the sale of property. The Manual presently restricts adherents to voting on temporal matters only, such as a financial or administrative question, and does not allow the full members to vary this policy. Full membership consists of those who have been baptized, have made a profession of faith, and have had their membership recorded by a church’s governing body.

Now, full members will have to vote at each meeting to extend the right to vote to adherents to the specific agenda items of that meeting. In other words, full members of a congregation may choose to maintain the existing limitations on voting or to extend voting rights to all matters before the meeting. This change will allow congregations to vary their membership policy to suit their situations.

SOME OTHER DECISIONS from proposals:

Ministry Personnel :

Copyrights: notice given to staff will to be added to their call or appointment... currently, a minister writes a theological book or a hymn, the copyright belongs to the church. Similarly, minister of music composes a cantata or hymn, copyright belongs to the church. In Canada, copyright laws states “if an author creates a work while executing the duties of his or her employment, the employer owns the copyright, unless there is an agreement to the contrary.”

Mandatory training for all ministry personnel on the issues, concerns, and consequences of homophobia against LGBTQ2 people and their family of origin and families created (partner/children)

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The Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures to be translated into Korean and Filipino languages.

“Boundaries” training will be provided for significant ethnic and linguistic groups. and that their be a pool of consultants sensitive to cultural and linguistic minorities in the church.

An issue of moving expenses for ministers was referred to the General Secretary of the GC for further study. At hand, some small, rural churches can't afford to import/call a minister. GC will also become more proactive in helping churches “connect” via webinars, online meetings, etc.

The Manual of the church will be amended to say that the requirement for a mandatory meeting of a pastoral charge will involve a minimum of 10 people or 10 percent of the full membership— which ever is greater.

and so many more decisions...

GCE is left to review and resolve all unaddressed proposals and items deferred to them during Decision sessions.

CELEBRATIONS

This GC marked the 50th Anniversary of the unification of the UCC with the Evangelical United Brethren. At the 22nd GC in 1966 voted to unify; in 1967 EUB reciprocated with an episcopal declaration that EUB becomes part of UCC on January 1, 1968 “as ecclesiastical and spiritual successor to the Canadian Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren.” they have 10,000 members in 60 congregations.

The election of Moderator: from a list of 10 nominees, it came down to Rev. Susan Beaver, minister in Ohsweken ON, and the personnel minister for the All Native Circle Conference, and, Rev Richard Bott, minister in Vancouver. Richard was elected.

In the morning of the last day, Intercultural Observer Paul Douglas Walfall, a black minister from Jamaica, currently serving in Fort Saskatchewan Pastoral Charge, called on the church to recognize its own racism and the marginalization of racialized members. He delivered a sobering message recounting experiences of some ministers, including himself:

We were in small groups looking at a case study and the issue of race was involved. One of my white colleagues said to me, “you know when I see you, Paul, I do not see the colour of your skin, I just see a person.”

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To be clear, my colleague honestly thought he was paying me a compliment. However, in my response I had to say to him, "if what you say is true, then you have rendered me invisible. Invisible because you are not seeing who I am."

a black minister who was told by his M&P committee that he should accept take whatever the church gives because it was out of pity that they took him from his poor country to be with them in Canada; he told of church members who would not shake their minister's hand because she was black; and another whose congregant said he was a "black boy who needs to be put in his place." You would have heard the story of the female minister who had the experience of members not shaking her hand at the end of the service because they did not want a black minister in the first place.

You would have heard the story of the black female minister told by a search committee that they did not hire her because the congregation was not ready for a female minister, but in less than a month afterwards had recommended a white female minister to the congregation.

You would have heard the story of the black male minister who was called a "black boy who needs to be put in his place" by a member of a congregation. And there are many more stories I could add.

He goes onto say prejudice and systemic racism continues to be a reality in Canadian society. "Let us ensure that the people who sit at the table are there not as guests but as valued members of the family."

During the following Decision session that was dealing with planned proposals, someone called for a point of privilege to present a motion to seek forgiveness from those marginalized who have been offended and harmed. That discussion was interrupted by a motion to amend "forgiveness" to "give an apology" to those harmed. As commissioners continued discussion, speaking of their experiences, Moderator Cantwell, who had a view of the lineup at the microphones, called on "white commissioners" to back away and give racialized members an opportunity to speak and the lines of people formed up. An outpouring of painful story after painful story were told by indigenous and black members, talking about negative experiences caused by actions of "settlers" and "white privilege." Over a period of 2 hours, through the supper break, commissioners sat silently and respectfully. Before adjourning for dinner at 7pm, The Moderator Cantwell thanked all those who offered their stories, saying, "[You] have honoured us, challenged us, extending in doing that a friendship ... to us. I want to say thank for you for your vulnerability, for your challenge, for showing us how to be the church in a different way. You have given us a gift; we as a church need to understand how to open up that gift fully. We're not going to get there tonight or tomorrow."

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That evening Richard Bott was instilled as moderator. Sensitive to the earlier events he introduced himself at the opening of his reflection with:

I am the “epitome of privilege” in a time when the church is hungry for change and needs to fully embrace racialized and marginalized people. “I stand before you tonight as a person who is a White, middle-class, middle-aged, cis, university-educated male. I don’t know what my blinders are even keeping from me, let alone the things I don’t want to look at because I am too scared,”*

* “cis” a person whose gender identity matches the sex that they were assigned at birth.
— opposite of “trans”

GC43 ended with the extraordinary challenge to the incoming GC Executive to work towards a more inclusive and harmonizing church.

Submitted by Jody Dudley, Commissioner of BC Conference to GC43

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Kootenay Presbytery
Fall Gathering PVT Report

October 2018 | chair@kootenayunited.ca

In many ways, the work of your Planning and Visioning Team has been light since we last gathered during Conference in Penticton. As Pacific Mountain Region takes form, there is some transition work to do and several significant decisions to make. For the last time, our Presbytery will visit the congregations to ensure, as best we can, that Pacific Mountain Region is not surprised by the state of any of our congregations. There have been a couple of decisions to make on behalf of all presbyters, but in many ways it feels like the work of Kootenay Presbytery is now setting.

By no means does that mean the work of the Church is done. And certainly the work of God continues regardless of any Church structure or changes thereto! Our work will take a different form as we actively create clusters and networks. Some of this might feel familiar, some will feel entirely new. And as our administrative duties shift—or disappear altogether—we strive to create the space in our lives and schedules to continue working beyond our own congregations, despite their important needs as well.

Some will be sad not to gather as we have been. Others will be delighted! Some will look back on our semi-annual gathers with nostalgia and fond memories. Others will look forward to the freedom to become what we want to be. All of this seems appropriate to me.

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PVT has done important work that would be difficult for Pacific Mountain Region in the absence of important relationships. PVT's work with Trinity United in Creston comes to a close, just as it celebrates the dedication of its building. PVT's work in Cranbrook also comes to a close, now that they have participated in two workshops and seem to have found solid footing. PVT will no longer be active on decisions such as Zion UC in New Denver's move toward sale, or on influencing the direction of Beaver Valley UC. These have been important undertakings that, we hope, make us stronger as communities of faith and followers of Jesus the anointed one.

The theme for this gathering is "Transformation" and how fitting that we dedicate Creston's building. May we remember and celebrate our past as a presbytery, and may we eagerly anticipate the next chapter in our lives of faith.

May the peace of Christ always go with you.

Rev. Greg Powell, Chair

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Kootenay Presbytery Justice and Peace
Meeting Notes: October 3, 2018

1. Proportional Representation

- a. Update about implementation of BC Conference decision. Information for congregations will be coming soon. Many UCC folk have signed on as endorsers of ProRep and blogs, letters to the editor and other mass communication means have occurred. Congregations are encouraged to have a day in support of ProRep and to use materials for worship and preaching.
 - b. Local groups are also working to support Pro Rep. Anne Jardine has written for e-know (East Kootenay News Online).
2. Green Fund Proposal. After our deliberations at the BC Conference meeting last May/June, we received more applications; it was thus decided informally to invite the PVT to think about how to use up the Green Fund for congregations wanting to improve their carbon footprint in a fair manner. We felt that "first come/first served" wasn't fair to those who applied after the deadline. So, we will ask PVT to bring a proposal to presbytery that \$500 go to each congregation (some from the Green Fund and some from operating funds).

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3. Climate Justice:

- a. LNG. Update from Tif about local work in and around Terrace and Kitimat.

The opinion is that the NDP is not operating much differently from the Liberal party with respect to Site C, LNG, fossil fuel subsidies, etc. As a province, we are still supporting the carbon-industry sector in spite of the NDP rhetoric. It was decided that we would create a “report card” with respect to the NDP work on the environment. Tif will start us off on the creation of a fact-sheet/report-card resource to send out as Kootenay News: it will be a faith-based commentary on what the BC government is doing (or not doing). Tif will take a lead and we will all contribute. Clean Energy Review from Clean Energy Canada is a good source of information.

- b. Tif is attending the World Parliament of Religions in November in Toronto and hopes to be part the Climate Justice focus. 10,000 people will be attending this event. She’ll share any information she receives.
4. Kootenay Region Host Pam Rocker re LGBTQ and Faith. Pam Rocker is a Hillhurst United Church (Calgary) person. Knox in Fernie is doing the Affirming process and her name was suggested as a resource; she has done spoken word and writing. Could we turn this into a Kootenay “tour”? Tif will send out letters to congregations to see if a congregation would like to host her for an event. Check out the website for more information about her: www.pamrocker.com/welcome/. The time frame is next spring leading to Pentecost.
5. P&J carry on as a “cluster” group or team? The general feeling is that we would like to, but there is a lack of clarity about support, funding and how this might look. As part of this discussion, we felt we could offer some evaluation of the Contemplative Justice Network and what we might need for the future to keep the local Peace and Justice initiatives going. We agreed to continue this conversation as part of the larger conversation about our regional “clustering” and focus.
6. Invermere hosting a meeting with the Métis re decolonization and reconciliation. There are local resource people and we agreed to compile a list of names in the region. There may be some new ideas coming out of this meeting in Invermere. Anne will share a resource via email about decolonization.
7. Presbytery Agenda. Nothing that P&J Team need specifically to do. Se PVT minutes and agenda.
8. BC Conference Commission regarding rural health care. This is in the early stages of organization in order to carry out the work that BC Conference has asked us to do. George Meier and Greg Powell are leading this (with

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participation from David Boyd) and if you'd like to participate, please volunteer; specific people are being asked to be part of this Commission. This began as a concern from New Denver. The Commission will also deal with the question about the urbanization of health care. It was noted that transportation is a key part of this question.

APPENDIX 4

Pastoral Relationships/Education & Students Ministry Team

David Boyd, Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Beaver Valley Pastoral Charge reports that the chair of Beaver Valley UC has resigned and the others are seriously considering disbanding. I will pursue this with David and BVUC council

Jack Lindquist believes he is a presbytery appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Jaffray UC, appointed by KP years (and years) ago. The community has "adopted" the church building. Jack has consistently give worship leadership twice a month.

Bonnie Crosson in Grasmere says their congregation has dwindled to but a few. There is no Pastoral Charge Supervisor. They do have a church building but over the years had been meeting in the community hall as there is no plumbing in the church building.

Therese DesCamp is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Kaslo. This is a small congregation but has an active community use of the building.

Peter Busby is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Turner-Zion and they continue to seek a buyer of their Zion Church building in Silverton, A congregation continues and they maintain a virtual congregation at The Wide Spot (<http://widespot.ca>).

Both Kimberley UC and Knox UC, Fernie now have ordained/commissioned ministers and do not require Pastoral Charge Supervisors. However, given Tiff's inexperience in ministry Pat Ridler continue her support, especially as the congregation continues its deliberation to become a shared ministry.

Boundary Pastoral Charge's three congregations continue to worship as one and will soon amalgamate.

The Regional Council will assume authority and will need to know which locations have Pastoral Charge Supervisors and any other unusual circumstances.

Submitted by

Pat Ridler

Chair, PRES

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Support to Congregations Report to Kootenay Presbytery, October 2018

Members: Jody Dudley (C), Laura Hermakin, Teresa Gerow, Leah Gray, Mary Stickel, Paula Ashby, Barbara Puskeppelies, Anjane Gyan-Dyck

My report is short!

On behalf of the Support to Congregations Team I admit that we have not had any meetings nor have there been any requests from congregations to which to respond.

Respectfully submitted

Jody Dudley

Chair, STC, Kootenay Presbytery

APPENDIX 6

Outdoor Ministries and Youth Team Report

October 4, 2018

Eight people from Kootenay Presbytery went to the BC Conference May Retreat North in Gavin Lake May 18-20 this spring. We came from Kimberley, Nelson, Castlegar and Trail. BC Conference chartered a small bus that left from Castlegar United Church and drove 9 hours north, picking up more youth and leaders from other communities along the way. Another bus brought more people from northern communities and we had an amazing weekend of worship, games & activities, singing, spiritual practices, fun and friendship. It was wonderful to connect with so many United Church youth and leaders from the North and Interior of BC. (A separate parallel event was held for those in the Lower Mainland & the Islands.)

Starry Chung and Tiaga Nagy (both participants in the May Retreat) then came to the BC Conference meeting as youth representatives.

Summer saw the busy season for our Outdoor Ministries, Rock Lake Camp and Camp Koolaree. Rock Lake offered a successful week of United Church Camp and had many rental groups during the rest of the summer. Camp Koolaree held their usual five weeks of United Church Camps, however the new sixth week offering of an LGBTQ2S+ camp had to be cancelled due to low enrollment. The plan is to offer it again in 2019, as new camps often take two or three years to get started. Castlegar United Church also rented Camp Koolaree for a weekend, as did a few other community groups. Both Rock Lake and Camp Koolaree are in the final stages of having the Constitution and Bylaws updates required by the new BC Charities Act approved by their membership before submission. George Meier and General Council's Bev Oag have reviewed both camp's documents for compliance with United Church of Canada Incorporated Ministries standards.

Picture 1: May Retreat North 2018, Picture 2: Camp Koolaree Co-Ed Teen Camp 2018

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Kootenay Presbytery
Balance Sheet

<u>Assets</u>	<u>September 30, 2018</u>	<u>December 31, 2017</u>
Bank Accounts		
BMO Nelson Chequing	\$ 32,144.13	\$ 35,907.56
Accounts Receivable		
Cranbrook - Meditation	<u>2,732.17</u>	<u>215.90</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 34,876.30</u>	<u>\$ 36,123.46</u>

Liabilities and Equity

Liability Accounts				
BC Conf - Conference Minister	\$	-	\$	4,000.00
Reserve Accounts				
Shared Ministry Reserve	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
Youth Fund Reserve	2.87		2,682.87	
Sacred Spaces	2,075.11		1,682.98	
Equipment	<u>911.92</u>	\$ 3,989.90	<u>911.92</u>	\$ 7,277.77
Equity				
Opening Balance	\$ 24,845.69		\$25,755.18	
Sacred Spaces	-		(1,000.00)	
Current Year Surplus(Deficit)	<u>6,040.71</u>	<u>30,886.40</u>	<u>90.51</u>	<u>24,845.69</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 34,876.30</u>		<u>\$ 32,123.46</u>	

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Statement of Surplus or (Deficit)
As At September 30, 2018

	YTD 2018	2018	% of Budge	2018
<u>Notes</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
Income				
Allocations	\$ 39,508.65	\$ 50,000	79%	\$ 50,000
BC Conference	3,305.25	4,407	75%	4,407
Registration Fees	1,400.00	3,000	47%	3,000
Other	-	-		-
Mission Grant 2015	Note 3 <u>1,097.39</u>	<u>1,088</u>	<u>101%</u>	<u>1,088</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 45,311.29</u>	<u>\$ 58,495</u>	<u>77%</u>	<u>\$ 58,495</u>
Expenses				
BC Conference	\$ 24,309.00	\$ 32,412	75%	\$ 32,412
Conference Minister	Note 4 -	4,000	0%	2,000
Presbytery Meals	1,396.00	3,200	44%	3,000
Presbytery Travel	4,772.32	8,000	60%	8,000
Accommodations	1,528.47	1,200	127%	2,000
PVT	-	750	0%	-
Supplies & Postage	48.41	100	6%	50
Bank Fees	11.89	45	12%	25
Telephone	-	300	0%	300
Student Aid	4,000.00	5,000	80%	4,000
Clergy Sp. Direction	800.00	4,000	20%	2,000
Ministry Retreat	-	1,500	0%	1,500
Enviro Assessment	392.13	750	52%	-
Miscellaneous	829.43	250	332%	1,000
Mediation	1,182.93	1,250	95%	2,000
Special Events	-	1,088	0%	-
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 39,270.58</u>	<u>\$ 63,845</u>	<u>62%</u>	<u>\$ 58,287</u>
Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 6,040.71</u>	<u>\$ (5,350)</u>		<u>\$ 208</u>

Kootenay Presbytery Pastoral Charge Payments For the Year 2018													
Payments for the month were deposited on:													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			
Arrow Lakes - Nakusp	24-Jan	16-Feb	21-Mar	26-Apr	16-May	14-Jun	30-Jul	16-Aug	18-Sep				
Boundary		27-Feb											
Castlegar	5-Jan	7-Feb	6-Mar	2-Apr	16-May	12-Jun	30-Jul	7-Aug	12-Sep				
CIF	24-Jan												
Beaver Valley		16-Feb		4-Apr		28-Jun			28-Sep				
Cranbrook				6-Apr				7-Aug	18-Sep				
Creston	24-Jan	16-Feb	21-Mar	6-Apr	16-May	22-Jun	30-Jul	16-Aug	18-Sep				
Elk Valley - Fernie	24-Jan												
Jaffray										12-Sep			
Kimberley						14-Jun							
Nelson		7-Feb	2-Mar	2-Apr	2-May	4-Jun	3-Jul	1-Aug	12-Sep				
St Andrew's Kaslo													
Turner Zion				26-Apr									
Windermere			6-Mar	2-Apr	2-May	4-Jun	3-Jul	1-Aug	12-Sep				
											2018	2018	
											Paid	Allocation	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct			
Arrow Lakes - Nakusp	\$ 214.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ 1,894.00	\$ 2,524.00	75%
Boundary	-	4,962.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	352.00	4,962.00	4,962.00	100%
Castlegar	348.00	352.00	352.00	352.00	354.00	350.00	352.00	352.00	352.00	352.00	3,516.00	4,220.00	83%
CIF	6,666.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,666.00	6,666.00	100%
Beaver Valley	-	623.75	-	623.75	-	623.75	-	-	623.75	-	2,495.00	2,495.00	100%
Cranbrook	-	-	-	1,536.00	-	-	-	2,052.00	513.00	-	4,101.00	6,144.00	67%
Creston	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.75	378.15	-	3,408.15	4,545.00	75%
Elk Valley - Fernie	1,506.00	-	-	-	-	2,269.00	-	-	-	-	1,506.00	1,506.00	100%
Kimberley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,269.00	4,537.00	50%
Nelson	-	1,400.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	7,000.00	8,400.00	83%
St Andrew's - Kaslo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	575.00	0%
Turner Zion	-	-	-	396.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	396.00	396.00	100%
Windermere	-	-	682.50	227.50	227.50	227.50	227.50	227.50	227.50	227.50	2,275.00	2,730.00	83%
Subtotal	9,112.75	7,926.50	2,323.25	4,424.00	1,870.25	4,759.00	1,868.25	3,920.25	3,004.40	1,279.50	40,488.15	49,700.00	
Burton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grasmere	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Jaffray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300.00	-	300.00	300.00	100%
Total	\$ 9,112.75	\$ 7,926.50	\$ 2,323.25	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 1,870.25	\$ 4,759.00	\$ 1,868.25	\$ 3,920.25	\$ 3,304.40	\$ 1,279.50	\$ 40,788.15	\$ 50,000.00	
		\$ 17,039.25	\$ 19,362.50	\$ 23,786.50	\$ 25,656.75	\$ 30,415.75	\$ 32,284.00	\$ 36,204.25	\$ 39,508.65		Ledger	\$ (41,363.15)	\$ (50,000.00)
											Difference	\$ (575.00)	\$ -

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AF&S Team Report to Presbytery, October 2018

Members:

Jody Dudley (Chair), Cheryl Swedburg, Gordon Swedburg, Joan Hanson, Ray Lundquist, Carol Patton

Our focus has been on the end game, moving into the “new world order” of a Three Council Model. We are involved in a final Pastoral Charge oversight visit with Kootenay Presbytery congregations to organize and document important information before the end of October. These meetings are part of a process for Kootenay Presbytery AF&S to prepare to forward pertinent information about our Pastoral Charges to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council who will have future responsibility for the oversight of its church congregations and Communities of Faith.

We have set out our plans to connect. AF&S members have selected congregations; they will arrange to meet before the end of October to collect the requested information set out below:

Boundary, Nelson, Silverton, Nakusp, Kaslo Castlegar	Joan Hanson and Ray Lundquist Joan Hanson and Jody Dudley
Beaver Valley Pastoral Charge	Ray Lundquist and Jody Dudley
Jaffray, Grasmere, Fernie	Jody Dudley and Gordon Swedburg
Cranbrook, Invermere, Kimberley, CIF	Gordon and Cheryl Swedburg
Creston All members of Team to meet	

We would like to meet with your minister, Chair of the Board/Council, and Presbytery Rep. to review Current Membership Roll, Register of Baptisms, Register of Funerals/burials, Register of Marriages, Minutes of the Board or Church Council, Minutes of the Trustees, Minutes of other committees, Annual reports for the last 3 years, a copy of your Certificate of Title (i.e. the “deed”), and a copy of your Church insurance.

Additionally we need to record:

- the names of the Board/Council members
- the names of the M&P committee members
- the names and addresses of the trustees
- the location of the *Duplicate Certificate of Title* (i.e. the “deed”) for the church property
- a brief description of the governance structure of the pastoral charge. (e.g. Elders and Stewards; Official Board; Council; Policy Governance (Carver) model; other)
- the mission statement, vision statement, and/or values of the congregation
- the names of LLWLs
- the website address

Some of our smaller congregations have prayerfully and seriously considered their circumstances and have made tough decisions to disband or to move forward with faith they will persevere.

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Any comments/questions as we move to Communities of Faith? If we are unable to provide adequate answers for your questions we will seek the answers from the Regional Council.

I also became involved in a complaint report regarding Rock Lake Camp. There were some problems with the kitchen appliances not working properly and poor maintenance in the washrooms showers, in particular. After reviewing, I reported to the Rock Lake Camp Board of Directors that for the most part their camp conditions and campers' experiences were favourable but recommended that a maintenance priority be given to the washrooms, the showers in particular.

The directors of Rock Lake United Church Camp Society have responded to Kootenay Presbytery's previous request to become compliant with BC Societies Act and United Church Incorporated Ministries; they have made great efforts to do so. Both RLUCC Society and Camp Koolaree Society will be in compliance when the Corporate Registry receives their constitution and bylaws before the end of November.

Respectfully submitted
Jody Dudley
Chair, AF&S
Kootenay Presbytery

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Conference Minister's Report–Kootenay Presbytery Fall 2018

Greetings KP Folks! I miss you, and think of you often. As most of you know, with the restructuring of the UCC, my job has been eliminated. I want you to know that it has been an honour to serve you for two years ... June 1, 2016 to August 31, 2018.

After meeting with my advisors at the Vancouver School of Theology in July, I made a quick decision to apply to St. Andrew's Hall residence, to live on-site for eight months and finish my degree. I will admit that the rigorous demands of the job, as well as graduate school, was challenging for me, so I feel grateful that I was accepted into residence and that I have this unexpected opportunity, and time, to be here in person.

Speaking of blessings, I have become a grandma to little Isla, who lives in Kelowna with her parents – needless to say, it is a stop on my route to, well, *anywhere* these days! Also, I will become a “double grandma” by Christmas time, thanks to my older son and daughter-in-law ... blessings abound!

In my liturgical studies class this afternoon, we were talking about Covenanting, and I remembered my Covenanting service at CIF PC/Trail in 2017. The symbols that I chose were purple tulips, a candle, and my flute. As I write this report for the last KP meeting, I am reflecting on why I chose those symbols and what they mean for me now ...

Although purple can mean, liturgically, a time of waiting or preparation, it has also been recognized internationally as a sign of courage, survival and honour. Saying yes to the CM job was courageous for me at the time, and there are many reasons why we might need courage now, with the changing spiritual landscape of our denomination, and the world.

The candle symbolizes hope for me, and the light and love that we each bring to the world. During my time as CM, I was able to witness the incredible diversity that each of our KP congregations brings to the UCC. What a gift, and I trust and hope your unique Kootenay context will continue to light your way forward into the future.

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The flute for me is a way to fit in and belong to a new community, to blend my musical notes with others while we praise God and worship together. Thank you for welcoming me into your midst, and I pray that God's transforming presence will inspire you to learn new songs of faith in the days ahead.

With gratitude for our time together, and for the One who brought us together ...

Carolyn
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250-342-1534 (cell)

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Conference Executive Report to Kootenay Presbytery

October 4, 2018

Dear friends,

I send my regrets for not being with you during this final time of gathering officially as Kootenay Presbytery. It has been a blessing to live and work and play among you over the past 7 years. I am currently enjoying some holiday time and writing the first draft of my dissertation for my doctoral program which, all being well, I will complete early spring. Thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement and financial support for this valuable work with which I have been engaged over the past two years. I was delighted to lead a workshop in Fernie on September 21-22 for the United and Anglican churches as they engage in a conversation about the potential for becoming an Ecumenical Shared Ministry.

I have no formal report from our outgoing Conference Executive for you as there have been no meetings since prior to the general conference meeting in Penticton this Spring. I have just met on October 3rd as a member of the new commission transitions team and Doug Goodwin sent out the results of that meeting to all Pacific Mountain region members on October 4, 2018. I have asked Jody to include that correspondence with my report.

Shalom,
Laura Hermakin

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Conference Calling - October 4, 2018
From: Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary

Greetings, members and participants in BC Conference.

This is edition #2 of what should be a regular update on how plans and decisions are emerging for the transition of BC Conference (and Whitehorse and Banff) into a new Pacific Mountain Region starting January 1, 2019.

No More Region 1: At its first meeting, the Region 1 Commission voted to adopt the recommendation from the recent Conference General Meeting and adopt the name "Pacific Mountain Regional Council" as the official name of the new Region, effective immediately. We may not be #1 any longer but at least we have a real name again! The **Pacific Mountain Region**, which comes into being January 1, 2019, is made up of the present congregations of BC Conference, plus Whitehorse United and Rundle Memorial United in Banff. The Commission next meets November 1-3 when, among many other things, it will be taking a good look at its Ends policies ("what good are we doing for whom") and adopting a budget for 2019.

General Meeting: The first General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Region will be May 30 – June 2, 2019, place to be decided. Keep those dates open.

Staffing: Numerous staffing changes have been occurring at the BC Conference office. Nellie Tang left her job after 30 years as Finance Manager and was replaced by Houston Mo who, as a Chartered Professional Accountant, takes on additional financial and property work. Lisa Munro left her Receptionist position to take on a new job in her home congregation of Eagle Ridge United. A search for a permanent replacement will take place soon. Meanwhile, Kimiko Karpoff is filling in as receptionist halftime through October and likely into November. Katie Purych has now finished as Assistant to the Executive Secretary; interviews for her replacement happen this week. The new Assistant will also be working with the Executive Minister in Region 3 (southern Alberta). Meanwhile, the Personnel Team of Treena Duncan, Gail Miller, Kathy Davis, Marc Coulombe, Allison Rennie, and Victoria Andrews will meet later this month to take a good look at how their work might be reshaped in the Pacific Mountain Region. Finally, although Brenda Wolff will remain as our veteran support person at the Conference (future Region) office, she is on vacation all of October.

Executive Minister: Doug Goodwin continues to serve as Executive Secretary of BC Conference but has also taken on the role of Executive Minister until the end of June 2019. As Executive Minister, he is also working to help the southern Alberta presbyteries and congregations form a new Region. This is quite different work, setting up new organizational structures and practices that have not existed previously.

Children, Youth and Young Adults: We are presently looking at how to substantially increase the work dedicated to children, youth and young adults. We hope to be able to announce plans before the next update.

Archives: Blair Galston and the BC Conference archives have now moved to their new location at 312 Main Street, Vancouver, in newly renovated community space. This new location in the heart of historic Vancouver promises a new era in the life of our archives, honouring the past while preparing for the future. Feel free to drop in for a visit.

Presbyteries: Our ten presbyteries are holding their last meetings this fall to celebrate their long life together and prepare for their new life amalgamated with the Conference as a Region. Important records should be gathered and transmitted to the Conference office. Houston Mo will be in touch with Presbytery treasurers to ensure there is a smooth transition of funds.

Finances: The finances of the future Region will be strong, but it will see approximately \$300,000 less net income annually than the Conference has been receiving. In addition, it is taking on more responsibilities (including campus ministries, additional youth work, enhanced children's ministry, property matters, cluster support, and more). Plans to achieve manageable budgets in 2019 and beyond are dependent on the Region receiving the remaining assets of the Presbyteries. Presbyteries are encouraged not to view their lives as ending (and, therefore, needing to disperse all of their monies) but as joining with the Conference to form a new Region. Presbytery monies on December 31 are not "lost" but will continue to do the work they were intended to do within the Region.

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Turner Zion Pastoral Charge

October 2018

Since last fall, we have:

- Sponsored five Wide Spot Gatherings, two of these in conjunction with New Denver Hospice Society.
- Continued to offer monthly Contemplative in the Kootenays gatherings, as well as an annual fall retreat.
- Continued to meet at least monthly as House Church.
- Sponsored the Convergence Writers' Weekend.

What's changed since last year:

- Several church members attended the Weird Church workshop in Trail, which has helped us re-think how we conceive of ourselves as church.
- In response to a community crisis, we have re-visioned the way we use Therese DesCamp's time, placing an emphasis on engagement in the school (weekly time in the grade 5-6 class). We call her role "Community Spiritual Companion."
- We have had one member die and two more are in the midst of moving back to Saskatchewan.
- As a result of our community consultation and internal decision process, we asked

Presbytery for permission to sell the Zion Church building. Our plan, when it sells, is to use half the money for low-income housing in our community, and the other half for support of creative ministry.

□ When permission was granted, we were approached by a local charitable group which runs the Valhalla Summer School of Music and provides classes for children in dance, music, and theatre. They were interested in purchasing the building. Unfortunately, as a society, they were unable to obtain a mortgage; we were instructed by Conference that we could not carry a mortgage for them; and lease options were finally shown to be not viable. We have recently put the building back on the market.

□ Since our membership has dwindled severely, we worked this summer on a statement of our purpose. (See attached.) We've begun meeting with community members regarding membership in the United Church; to date, five people have said yes, they want to join us. We'll be holding a dinner in late October where we'll talk about what we've done, what we are hoping to do, and how they can find a place that fits for them. We have another ten-twelve prospects to contact. We are heartened!

□ Our "Home Church" is now taking place at the Pavilion (Care Centre).

Turner Zion Pastoral Charge October 2018

What's next:

- Our ongoing House Church will begin to meet monthly at Knox Hall starting in January.
- We will be working with our broader community when we have funds from the building, to start thinking about how and when they want to organize gatherings like Wide Spot.
- Therese has obtained funds to support the development of a Community Spiritual Companion program, so we can help train more people to play this role in our villages and in communities in our area.
- We are planning a Blue Christmas program with Hospice and local First Nations members.

APPENDIX 15

ST ANDREW'S UNITED – 125th ANNIVERSARY – 2018

The Anniversary theme was ;

"Celebrating what the past has brought to the future,"

On July 8

Anniversary church service with Rev. Shelley Stickel-Miles officiating,

"Celebrating 125 years of community renewal, deepening belonging and building friendships."

During this service several brass plaques were dedicated engraved with the names of past members who played a pivotal role in our church community.

Also dedicated was the 125th anniversary plaque which read;
"St Andrew's Ministerial Leadership of the first 100 years give way to the SACRED CIRCLE – the heartbeat of St Andrew's, with support from the United Church Kootenay Presbytery. The summer Saddle-Bag services are a spin-off from the Circuit Riders of the early days of spiritual guidance in the village of Kaslo. St Andrew's United is now better known as St Andrew's Heritage Resource, with the following mandate of service to the community.

"St Andrew's Heritage Resource will endeavor to expand the use of it's building resource with integrity, accountability, and teamwork to provide a safe place for the spiritual, social, educational, cultural and recreational needs for all in the community “

The walls of the sanctuary echo with the singing of the hymn- " Faith of our Fathers" by past congregations. - We have heard that echo.

We go forward with FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY into the future."

On Aug 19

There was a 2pm. presentation, directed by Lynn van Deursen entitled -
" **LOOKING BACK – 125 YRS OF Faith & Fellowship 1993-2018**"

Lynn began with interesting stories from the early years, and how this small congregation has moved into a new phase of their ministry in Kaslo. Special guests enacted out some of the broad activities that now take place both in the Sanctuary and Heritage Hall.

Following this well received presentation, a social time for the whole community was held in the Hall

The admission for this event was by a donation to the Food Hub, located in the hall basement. This amounted to \$371.00

The new brochure for St Andrew's was ready for distribution, indicating the various groups that use the facility, and how we function with a community based group of volunteers, much like they did 100 years ago. It worked then, and it works now for us

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**Kootenay Presbytery Correspondence Report
2018**

Date	Sender	Message	To
18-01-01	B. Wolff	450 App - George Meier	KP Sec
18-01-11	Kootenay Press.	Boundary Commission Report	KP
18-01-12	KP PVT	PVT motion to the Boundaries Commission	KP
18-01-17	G. Powell	Boundaries Commission Video Report	PVT
18-02-09	C Swedburg	Adobe Conference Meeting Minutes	KP
18-02-10	J Daniels	Thank you for Workshop support	PVT
18-02-27	C Swedburg	Presbytery Consultation Summary	KP
18-03-01	C Swedburg	BC Conference Executive Conference report February 28, 2018	KP
18-03-01	D Goodwin	BC Conference: Election of Commissioners	KP
18-03-02	G Powell Remit	#6 not approved	PVT
18-03-14	C Swedburg	PVT ZOOM Minutes 2018 03 08	PVT
18-04-05	G Powell	Funding request for Therese Descamp ed	PVT
18-04-05	G.Powell	Funding request for Suzanne Pederson prog	PVT
18-04-05	UCC	Naming People to Reg Council Transition	File
18-04-20	B Wolf	Form 450- Hilary Bitten	File
18-04-26	C Rogers	Boundaries Training	PVT
18-05-02	P&J Team	Sacred Green Space App	KP
18-05-02	BC Conf Pres	Update	KP
18-05-02	KP Sect	PVT Mlnutes 2018-04-05, 2018-04 15	PVT
18-05-04	S Jackson	GC Pastoral Charges that have not Submitted their 2017 Statistical Forms – Report 1 - BC	KP
18-05-04	C Swedburg	Update Boundary Pastoral Charge S Jackson	
18-05-10	C Swedburg	KP updates for Conference	K Purych
18-05-16	Erik Mathiesen,	Chief Financial Officer & David Allen, Remit Implementation Project Leader Grants currently provided by presbyteries andConferences	KP
18-05-16	B Wolff	PWRG Minutes	PVT

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18-05-18	C Swedburg	of Ministers. 2018 Spring Presbytery Minutes	KP Ministers KP
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18-05-24	R Murray/M Walton	Request for Camp Koolaree Funding	GP
18-05-28	B Wolff	PRWG Minutes	File ?
18-05-31	G Powell	Agenda for KP at Conference	KP
18-06-06	R Murray	Koolaree funding request	D Boyd
18-06-13	J Dudley	Special General KP Meeting	KP
18-06-23	M Stickel	125 year celebrations at St. Andrews United Church Kaslo	KP
18 06 29	C Swedburg	Kootenay Presbytery June 28, 2018 Minutes	KP
18 07 14	United in Learning	Remit Implementations	KP
18 07 19	“ “	Rescheduled	KP
18 07 19	United Chapel	Campus Ministry	KP
18 08 03	B Wolff	PRWG minutes 07 31 2018 PVT	
18 08 08	E Spangler	Zion Turner Church	PVT
18 09 13	Can Society of Presbyterian History	Notice of Conference	KP
18 09 14	UC Foundation	Seeds of Hope Application	KP
18 09 28	C Swedburg	KP Minutes 2018 05 31. 2018 06 28	KP
18 09 28	C Swedburg	PVT Minutes 2018 09 14	KP
18 10 03	David Armour	M&S Package for display(at meeting)	KP
18 10 03	Jane Harding	Growing our Faith through Generosity	KP
18 10 04	BC Conference	Update on emerging transition	KP
18 10 12	C Swedburg	PVT Minutes	KP
18 10 12	C Swedburg	Message from BC President Jay Olson	

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Proposed Covenant for Post-Presbytery Body:

Gifted by the Spirit, we covenant to nurture each other for faithful ministries which embody God's love and justice in Jesus Christ in all creation. As covenanting United Church communities of faith in this region, we seek to gather for learning, worship, joint justice and mission projects, community collaboration, and mutual support and friendship in Christ.

Brainstorm What we Envision for the Future

1. Have a Faith Fest next Spring as a springboard into a new future, perhaps covenanting together at that time. Have people feel good about being together outside of the presbytery structure. This gathering would mark our beginning as a new body and have this be a new beginning. This inaugural meeting would have lots of music and be an inspirational gathering. We could host a coffee house.
2. We want to animate justice and mission concerns that are important to the people of our geographic region.
3. Invite LeaderShift to come to this area to provide leadership in partnership with local leaders. We push a rural emphasis.
4. How can we offer congregation to congregation support for trying new things, sharing resources, information and expertise, and being willing to test what the new Church is becoming?
5. Is there a new willingness to engage in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue about collaboration (not necessarily organic union)?